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THAT COVER PICTURE!

"Did you attend that foot-ball game last Saturday?" we asked our friend. "Sure" was the answer, "I had tickets." "Pretty stormy, wasn't it?" "It was awful. We carried along all our robes from the car, wore our fur coats, and then nearly froze. But we had our tickets at $20 per!" Well, you have your tickets for church next Sunday, every Sunday in 1946. Vastly more costly to Someone than any earthly price. Your church is your place of spiritual renewal. How about a resolution this year for attendance at church, snow, rain, sleet, cold, heat or shine?

NOTE—Credit should have been given for our November cover picture to Harold M. Lambert. Though a commercial photographer his pictures are widely and satisfactorily used in church publicity.

The Philosopher

I SAW him sitting in his door,
Trembling as old men do;
His house was old, his barn was old,
And yet his eyes seemed new.

HIS EYES had seen three times my years
And kept a twinkle still,
Though they had looked at birth and death
And three graves on a hill.

"I WILL sit down with you" I said,
"And you will make me wise;
Tell me how you have kept the joy
Still burning in your eyes."

THEN, like an old-time orator,
Impressively he rose .
"I make the most of all that comes,
And the least of all that goes."

THE jingling rhythm of his words
Echoed as old songs do;
Yet this had kept his eyes alight
Till he was ninety-two!

—The Reformation Evangel.

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Lutheran World Relief, Inc., c/o Easton Processing and Storage Co., North 13th St. and Bushkill Drive, Easton, Pa.

This address is a guide for all shipments of all the clothing you can spare to the shivering and destitute people of Europe. It is not too late to make another search in your attic and clothes closets.

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The visitor making the rounds of the penal settlement came upon one inmate making bags.

"Hello!" said the visitor. "Sewing?"

"No," came the reply. Reaping."—The Link.

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Foreign Missions are the heart center of our ULCA program in January. The door is opening for full steam ahead in world evangelization. We must not let the ever alert commercial interests beat us to the open door. It is true that safety and security depend on a Christian world. But there is a greater motive for our efforts. Souls are perishing without Christ. For the love of Christ, let us redouble our energies in gifts of men and money. Our Foreign Board is ready if we furnish the means. Let us make Epiphany season a real outpouring of the glory of Christ upon our sin-darkened world.

The Editor's Personal Paragraphs

The Brotherhood Book is an eight-page folder issued by The Brotherhood of Zion Lutheran Church, Lykens, Pa., Rev. A. W. Milbourn, pastor. Mr. C. Ralph Mattern is president. It contains order of service, constitution, membership roll, calendar for the year, historical facts regarding the ULCA and local Brotherhood, objectives, order of installation, order for reception of members, explanation of Brotherhood emblem, and Brotherhood hymns. On the back cover is a stewardship stamp. The idea is not patented! Any local will find such a booklet of great use.

Dr. Clarence E. Krumbholz heads the new Relief Administration Committee for the N. L. C. Division of Welfare. Our acquaintance with Dr. Krumbholz goes back to the days when he was assistant pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in New York City. From there he moved to Yonkers, N. Y. to be pastor of Redeemer Church. Then the call to Inner Missions as a full-time service became overpowering and beginning with the New York City Society he has been given ever greater responsibilities until now he is the administrative head of the Welfare Division of the N. L. C. With real statesmanship he has done more to unify the welfare work of American Lutheranism than any other one person. It is our conviction that unity in this field is doing more to unify the Lutheran Church in America and the world than all the theological discussions and official statements. This is not to discount doctrine, but to note that among Lutherans, the surest way to unity is through cooperation across syndical lines.

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Farmer's Wife: "Is this the druggist?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Well, be sure and write plain on them labels which is for the horse and which is for my husband. I don't want nothin' to happen to that horse before spring plowing."—Voiceways.

Eagle Scout Berkobin Receiving the Pro Deo Et Patria Award

Boy Scout Tenderfoot Investure ceremony at Cub-Scout Father and Son Banquet of Troop 97 and Cub Pack 44 of Bethany English Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

(LEFT TO RIGHT) The Rev. Henry J. Berkobin, father of the recipient and pastor of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Nutley, N. J., Mr. Alvin H. Schaediger, President of The Luther League of America and member ULCA Brotherhood Boy Scout Committee, Eagle Scout Berkobin and Scoutmaster Leon Auger of Holy Trinity Troop No. 1.

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"The moral contaminations of war"

were the occasion for a recent statement by the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches. We offer several quotations from this report in the hope that they may make our judgments more just.

"Too easily," the report said, "we have condemned whole peoples because of their race and have hardened our hearts to inflict on them wholesale death and destruction and have come to tolerate, as aids to victory, qualities and deeds which, when they appeared in Nazism, rightly revolted us.

"Therefore, as a first prerequisite to a just and durable peace, we call upon our people speedily to cleanse themselves from the moral contamination of war."

The report urged application of these principles in the making of any peace treaties:

1. Territorial changes to conform to the "natural long-term aspirations of the inhabitants" and the subordination to "human considerations" of "strategic and economic considerations."

2. "Colonial peoples should be assured independence or self-government within a fixed term wherever practicable."

3. "Armaments and military establishments should be limited to the needs of internal order and of international order as planned by the United Nations."

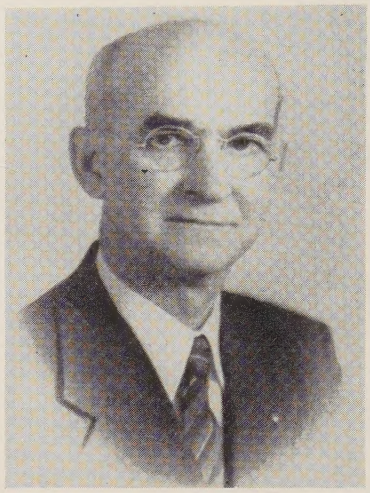
4. "Reparations should be limited to productive capacity over and above that required to maintain average living standards. It should not be an instrument of vengeance."

5. "The treaties of peace should make a beginning in realizing the conception of an international bill of rights."

The commission declared the United Nations Organization was "an asset of incalculable value" established to fight against "common threats to the general welfare" of all peoples, such as the "menace of militarism and the necessity for controlling such forces as atomic energy."

"Therefore," it concluded, "pending the time when the United Nations Organization can function, and, indeed, in order to make that functioning possible, the people of our nation should take whatever remedial and sacrificial action they can to alleviate the appalling conditions which are the aftermath of war."

Able Teacher



Professor Nathan W. Harter, A.M.

For thirty-five years,

teacher and friend to the students of Thiel College, is a record to note. On invitation President William Zimmerman writes the following tribute:

Professor Nathan W. Harter, A. M., was educated in a Church college and has given all of his talents to Christian higher education. In 1908 he received his A. B. from Wittenberg College, and a year later his A. M., from this institution.

After serving his alma mater for two years, he came to Thiel College in 1911 as head of the department of mathematics. Of his scholarly teaching and willing services one can well say, "a workman who needeth not be ashamed." The students in the liberal arts equally with those in pre-professional education appreciate his thorough and stimulating teaching. His interest in the student goes beyond the classroom.

For several years he has been director of the summer school and under his leadership the growth has been steady with a gain of fifty percent last summer.

Quite a few students have learned the "fine points" of tennis and golf from this friendly teacher. His genuine interest in the education of the whole student helps to explain why a visit at his home is a goal of every returning "grad."

He is a member of the program committee of the Brotherhood of Holy Trinity Church, Greenville, Pa. The objectives of the Brotherhood are "musts" in his daily living.

Monthly meetings

of the executive committee of the New England Conference Brotherhood have been initiated by the new president, Ralph Wholsen of Bridgeport, Conn.

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Private (at mess)—"Hey, Sarge, I think I found a worm in my spaghetti."

Mess Sergeant—"Well, look again and make sure. I a'n't got no time to waste on rumors."—The Link.

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Add Texas

to the honor roll of synodical Brotherhoods with practical, man-sized projects. A joint meeting of the executive committees of Synod and Brotherhood agreed on the support of a full-time field missionarry "to create and develop new mission fields in Texas." At the next Biennial Convention of our U. L. C. A. Brotherhood there should be a summary given of all the projects undertaken by our synodical Brotherhoods.

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A little boy asked his mother if she thought his father would go to Heaven. "Hope so," said his mother, "but why do you ask the question?" "Because," said he, "I'm afraid he couldn't leave the store."

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Dr. Morris Wee

is the executive secretary of the newly organized Student Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council. He has been pastor of Bethle Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis. and won a deserved reputation in student work at the University of Wisconsin. He is already visiting our Lutheran Student Associations.

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A certain father who is fond of putting his boys through natural history examinations, is often surprised by their mental ability. Recently he asked them to tell him "what animal is satisfied with the least nourishment."

"The moth!" one of them shouted confidently. "It eats nothing but holes."—Pathfinder.

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Welcome

to our new editor for the Boy Scout Department! Chairman H. D. Foster reports the acceptance of this assignment by George Eichler, Ph. D. superintendent of Schools of Northampton, Pa. His first contributions will appear in an early issue.

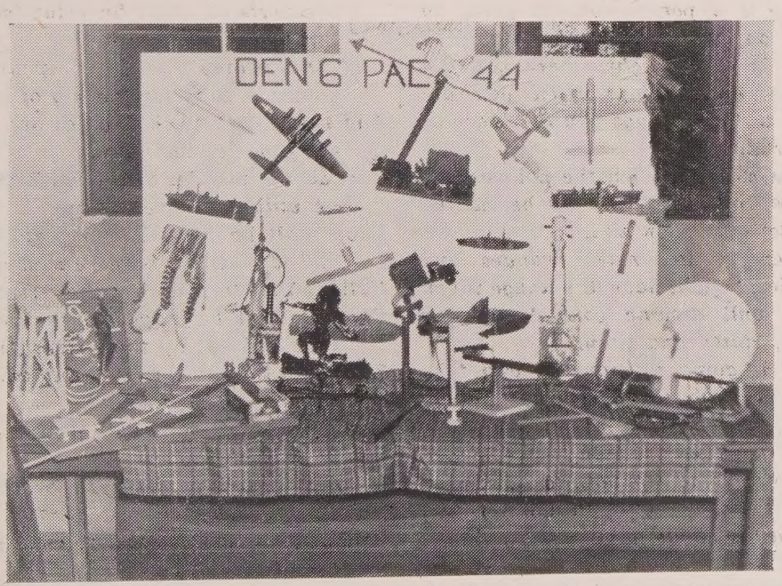
New Officers of North Carolina Lutheran Brotherhood

Newly-elected officers of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in North Carolina are shown above. They were elected at the 23rd annual convention of the Brotherhood held Tuesday, November 20, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C.

Front row: Luther G. Boliek, President, Hickory; H. D. Drye, Extension Secretary, Hickory; Guy M. Beaver, Treasurer, Concord; Arthur E. Cross, Statistical Secretary, Salisbury; and J. L. Fisher, Executive Member, Northern District, Salisbury.

Back row: Avery R. Rhyne, Loan and Gift Treasurer, Charlotte; Zeb B. Trexler, Executive Member, Concord; Charles B. Gilbert, Executive Member, Western District, Catawba; W. R. Rhyne, Executive Member, Southern District, Cherryville; A. W. Fisher, Executive Member at Large, Concord; and Aubrey Mauney, Executive Member at Large, Kings Mountain.

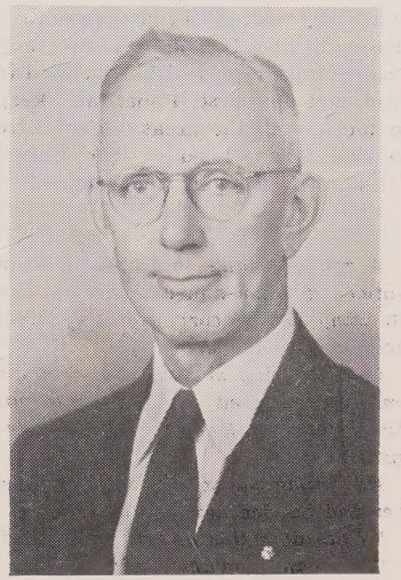
Absent from picture: Fred R. Smyre, Secretary, Hickory.—(Post Staff Photo.)



Boys' Work

Items of handicraft made in 1945 by Cubs of Pack 44 of Bethany English Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Congratulations!



President Lawrence F. Speckman
Louisville, Kentucky
Re-elected to Judgeship

I know that Judge Speckman's host of friends will join me in extending our hearty congratulations and best wishes to our beloved president, upon his re-election as Judge for a six-year term.

Judge Speckman has sent us the following item in response to our request for details regarding his office and duties:

I was elected for a six-year term, beginning January 7, 1946 to the same office of Judge of the Jefferson Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Kentucky, Chancery Branch, First Division, which I have filled since my appointment by the Governor on November 23, 1944. This court is composed of seven judges, all with equal rank and authority; however, for the sake of expediency it is divided into a Criminal, Common Pleas and Chancery or Equity Branch. As a chancellor, I share with the other chancellors, the duty of adjudicating cases on domestic relations, settlement of estate, foreclosures of liens, construction of wills, deeds, injunctions, etc., in fact, every cause which may come into court except criminal and jury or common law cases. I have practiced in chancery for the past 36 years, and therefore, have had no trouble in mastering the work which has come before me. I thoroughly enjoy the work, and look forward with

keen anticipation to a full six-year term.

In addition to my duties on the bench, I intend to keep my connection with the Lincoln Building and Loan Association, which I founded in 1914, and of course, I shall also keep in touch with the great work I love in The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America.

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A religious and charitable woman noticed a down-and-out sort of man standing at the corner of the street near her residence.

One morning she took compassion on him, pressed a dollar into his hand, and whispered: "Never despair."

Next time she saw him, he stopped her and handed her nine dollars.

"What does this mean?" she asked.

"It means, ma'am," said the man, "that 'Never Despair' won, and paid off 8 to 1."

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Phariseeism

was the most vicious enemy of Jesus. It was sometimes right and more often wrong in its judgments. It was always wrong in its spirit and methods. It was judge, jury and prosecuting attorney. It attacked, with generally good intentions, but with a spiritual pride that blinded it to the simple virtues of mercy and forgiveness. It is with us yet. It sees what it believes wrong and commits double wrongs, in the spirit in which it seeks to right them. Regardless of the rules of justice, it seeks to establish, it breaks them all in trying to win its case. It acts upon the unchristian principle that the end justifies the means. It does not respect even the principles of good sportsmanship. In politics, and in legal practice, it maligns character, warps evidence to its purpose, and imputes motives. In the church, where the kindly spirit of Christ should rule, it is devisive and deadly. Unfortunately phariseeism is self deceiving and those who are caught by its spirit come to enjoy too much their self-imposed roles as prosecutors. The only hope for the objects of their invectives is that in the end phariseeism defeats its own purpose. The way of Christ, in church and out, is still the way of kindness, brotherly persuasion and forgiveness. Let us test every word, every act, whatever its intention, by the question "Does it reflect the spirit of Christ?"

Dr. John E. Wade,

superintendent of New York City schools, adds his voice to the chorus of national leaders in a challenge to the schools to teach universal brotherhood. He says that character building has always been the chief aim of the New York City schools. He then quotes the accepted aims of education as follows:

To build character, instill a love of country and a love for one's fellowmen.

To develop a sound mind and body.

To achieve a mastery of the fundamentals—the three R's.

To discover and develop individual aptitudes.

To cultivate the habit of critical thinking.

To understand and practice desirable school and community relationships.

To appreciate and take part in worth-while activities in and out of school.

Now these aims are good as far as they go. The fact is that character cannot be built. It is a growth from within, a growth from seed planted within. That seed is the Word. Education has failed where it has not included religion. The schools should welcome, should insist upon, the opportunity for each child to have instruction in religion. Week-day Christian schools must give the basic training if the good aims of secular education are to succeed.

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"A Boy"

"He is a person who is going to carry on what you have started,

He is to sit right where you are sitting, and attend, when you are gone, to those things you think are so important.

You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends upon him.

Even if you make leagues and treaties, he will have to manage them.

He will assume control of your cities, states and nation.

He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations.

All your work is going to be judged and praised or condemned by him.

Your reputation and your future are in his hands.

All your work is for him, and the fate of the nation and of humanity is in his hands.

So it might be well to pay him some attention."

There is a great deal of editorial ability

in our churches as witness the many monthly news sheets that come to the editorial desk. These are welcome visitors and there are many items of interest culled from them for your good reading. Many are published by Brotherhoods. A good example is *The Messenger* of Redeemer Church, Omaha, Rev. Gerhard Gieschen, pastor and Mr. V. B. Elseffer, editor. We quote from an editorial:

"Did you ever stop to think what the word "Brotherhood" actually means? The dictionary tells us that a brotherhood is a fraternal relationship; a society or a fraternity; a body of persons of the same occupation, professon or the like. Therefore, when we speak of the Brotherhood of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer we are talking of a group of men who are especially interested in the welfare of our church. It would then appear that all those men who are members of our church and yet do not come to the Brotherhood meetings are not particularly interested in what happens in our congregation. It can hardly be said that fifteen or twenty men who come to Brotherhood represent all the interested men in our church, and the best way to disprove this theory is to have an attending membership of about fifty or sixty men. Why not do your part by coming out?"

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Behold, the Time Cometh

Behold, the time cometh when brotherhood shall be established through all the earth,
And the people shall lift up their voices in song for the joy of it.
And many nations shall be as one for the peace of their ways:
Yea, all the peoples of the earth shall be united in friendship.
Love shall be judged over mankind, and it shall no more be said of
Nations that they are weak or strong.
For they shall be judged by their culture and not by their strength.
The sword shall be an emblem of shame and reproach;
The vessels of war shall perish and none shall lament;
Men shall toil together as brethren for mutual good,
And all their labors shall be rich with the beauty of peace.
The memory of war shall be a dream of the past,
War shall utterly perish and its way be forgotten. —*Robert Weston.*

Guest Contributions

Presidential Message . . .

We should,
Thank God, that we have only one day to make New Year Resolutions, and 365 days to carry them out.

L. F. Speckman

The Lutheran Brotherhoods Point The Way to Unity

All Lutheran Brotherhoods to Study Same Topics in 1947

By Rev. Arthur H. Getz

Much is being said these days about the importance of Lutheran unity. Plea after plea is made at church gatherings to develop a closer co-operation between the various Lutheran groups of America. We are told that the effectiveness of our witness in America depends in part upon the development of a united strategy.

In the midst of all these appeals for co-operation and unity the Brotherhoods of the various Lutheran groups have set the example of united action. By planning uniform Brotherhood topics for use by members of all Brotherhoods in America, irrespective of the national group to which they may belong, beginning with January 1947.

Last July an entirely informal and purely exploratory meeting was held in Chicago, attended by those who were responsible for the development of Brotherhood topics for the various national groups. There were representatives present from the American Lutheran Church, the Norwegian Lutheran Church, the Augustana Lutheran Synod, and the United Lutheran Church. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of producing topics jointly and using them in all the Brotherhoods. Discussion revealed such a fine unamity of purpose that a set of tentative agreements on possible procedures were drawn up, and tentative topics were selected. The tentative agreements called for the preparation of joint Brotherhood topics beginning with January 1947, to be prepared under the guidance of an editorial committee consisting of one representative of each co-operating group. Those in attendance promised to seek approval of the tentative agreements from their respective national Brotherhoods, to urge the appointment of an official member to the editorial committee, and to seek authorization for this official representative to meet with representatives of other groups for further negotiations. In the meantime Mr. Getz, representing the United Lutheran Church, was requested to prepare detailed statements of aims for the topics that had been proposed in order that these aims might be considered at a later meeting of the official representatives and that the project might move toward realization as expeditiously as possible.

Since the preparation of joint Brotherhood topics involved new relationships with other church bodies, the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church referred the plan to the Executive Board of our Church and received authorization to continue the conversation. The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church then appointed Arthur H. Getz, who has been responsible for the Brotherhood topics of the United Lutheran Church for some years, to be its representative on the editorial committee. The other groups gave full authorization to proceed with the plans and appointed official representatives to serve on the editorial committee.

On November 1 and 11, in connection with the convention of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods in Cleveland, the officially appointed members of the editorial committee held a number of meetings. These meetings were attended by representatives of the Augustana Lutheran Synod, the Norwegian Lutheran Church, and the United Lutheran Church, with members of the American Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (Danish) sitting in for some of the sessions. Mr. Getz, representing the United Lutheran Church, was elected chairman of the editorial committee, and Mr. A. E. Iverson, representing the Norwegian Lutheran Church, was elected secretary. The tentative topics and statement of aims were reviewed in detail, and unanimously approved. Outstanding and nationally known leaders from all Lutheran groups were selected as writers for the various topics. The topic material is to be sent by writers to the chairman of the editorial committte, who will then submit it to members of the committee for comments, after which, the chairman of the editorial committee is to edit the topics and prepare them for publication. The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church is now seeking final approval of the plan by the Executive Board of the Church.

Thus the Brotherhoods have again taken the lead in the great movement toward Lutheran unity. Beginning with 1947 the same topics are to be published by all national Lutheran Brotherhoods which provide such materials for their men. Lutheran men all over America and Canada, irrespective of whether they belong to the United Lutheran Church or some other national Lutheran body, will be linking hands as they study the same topic each month.

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China's Road to Democracy and Christianity

By Dr. Fred J. Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler is on the staff of our Foreign Mission Board—former missionary to India—author and editor—in the confidence of the whole Church.

Victory over Japan has given China a great lift into a future bright with the prospects of democracy and

prosperity. National unity is the goal set by the revolution started in 1912. National unity has ever been the aim of the Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. As Christians we are interested especially in the part which the missionary forces in this great country will have in the shaping of a mighty nation of sturdy patient people whose very nature is democratic, who have counted among their great men, many who have risen from the humble ranks of the farming class.

That revolution started in 1912 has headed directly into the war of aggresson carried on by Japan against China since 1931 when Japan took over Manchuria and set up a puppet emperor to bring back the historic reign of the Manchus.

When China overthrew the monarchy her leaders were bent upon building a democratic modern prosperous national state. To achieve this certain forces were set in motion toward an intellectual revolution and a social reconditioning and a political rebuilding. Old traditions gradually gave way to the new spirit of inquiry in China. Everything was put to the test and that included education and religion and philosophy and family life. The subject of marriage and funeral customs and the relation of children to their elders—all these fundamental parts of Chinese life were freely discussed and criticized far and wide. The result was an open-minded China such as never was known in all the aging centuries of the past.

The most significant change in China was in her literature. The old classical language of China was discarded and a new living language was born. People began to live in the present instead of in the past. Schools became modernized. Students brought home new ideas from the West. Thru the slow ways of ancient thought there came bursting forth a vigorous newness which now points steadily toward a free and democratic China. An intellectual revolution girded a new China with strength to push forward in accomplishment.

Along with this awakening of the intellectual side of China came outstanding social changes. The position of woman has been competely changed. Family life has been different. New laws have been made. Modern court procedures have been effected. Co-education since 1919 has done wonders for Chinese womanhood. New laws have given her full rights of inheritance of family property. The women of China have risen to take part in the social, economic, and political life of the country.

In the political sphere China made most notable strides forward. More and more the central government was building up a power that could not be challenged by provincial war lords or combinations of petty local powers. The national unity of China was advancing on the basis of physical unity visualized in such things as railways, highways, motor roads, air lines and quick communications.

All these achievements going forward in China were looked upon with disapproval by the Japanese. She saw the threat to her own absolute monarchial state with the worship of the emperor as the supreme word in arbitrary rule. She dreaded intellectual equality of China with Japan. A national unity in China would mean finally that Japan would have no chance for continental aggression and world conquest.

So it was that the prosperity and progress of China in democracy and in intellectual development and in national unity led directly to the war which Japan craftily brought on by various incidents beginning in 1931.

Now China is faced with the continuing problem of achieving national unity. Russia's agreement with nationalist China to evacuate Manchuria appears as a hopeful sign of non partisanship of Reds outside with Reds inside China. The growth of the nationalist cause and the strength of the nationalist forces seem to encourage the expectation that a sound central government will prevail and China will be finally united. It may not be accomplished quickly. But the indications give us more of optimistic hope than of pessimistic fear.

What the Church can do for China is indicated by the cordial appeal of the head of the nationalist government, asking for missionaries and more missionaries to come and help build a good China. It has been very significant that many of the leaders of China are Christians. Not all of the great men of China are friendly to the Christian movement. There has been, however, a sturdy group of able men and women who see the good which the Missions have accomlished for the help of modern China. They have encouraged Missions.

The educational missionary work in China has been outstanding and it has won the favorable attention of Chinese leadership. The medical work of Missions in China has captured the hearts of people in high places and low. No one can measure the height and depth of the Christian Faith which the power of the Gospel engendered, and which made men strong to suffer and endure and plod steadily on with head unbowed, with hope undaunted and with hearts unafraid.

An open door to the preaching of the Gospel is China with its multitudes of 450,000,000 people — one fourth of the population of the globe. When Japan pursued her incidents with more and more widespread invasion and occupation, foreigners began to leave the country. They were called home from danger and entanglement. Bankers, industrialists, commercial agents, government servants began to trickle homeward. The early trickle widened into a growing stream. But there was one group which did not come home. It was the missionaries.

The cablegram from our own missionaries in China said: "Thanks for your solicitude; we intend to remain." Similar cablegrams were received by all mission boards. "Now is the time, these missionaries explained, that our Chinese brethren need us more than ever. We must remain here and share with them the dangers and privations of invasion and war. We must stand by and help them."

Missionaries stood by and faced with the Chinese the hardships brought upon them by invasion. They took care of the sick and the wounded. They protected the Chinese women and girls from the brutalities of enemy soldiers. They opened relief stations to feed the hungry and to clothe the needy. The Chinese people discovered at last that the missionaries were their best and truest friends. China was saying: "If the Christian Gospel makes people do what these missionaries have been doing among us, then there is something good in that Gospel; we want it." China is an open door today for the preaching of the Gospel.

Because Someone Cares . . .

By Charles Haulman Jr.

Because Charles is physically handicapped he has taken a special interest in Good Shepherd Home. He is making appeals before churches and their auxiliaries in behalf of the Home.

A certain man was walking along a mountain road when he was held up by robbers. The robbers took all his money and beat him, then left him by the road to die.

Soon a Priest came along on his way to a meeting at the Temple. He just looked at the poor fellow and passed by.

In a little while a Levite came by on his way to help in a service at the Temple. He didn't have time for this person whom he didn't know so he passed by.

Soon a Samaritan came along and found the man almost dead. He got down from his horse and gave him first aid, then took him to an Inn, or a public stopping place, where he gave the care-taker money to care for him until he got well.

A woman came with her crippled boy to Dr. John H. Raker, who then was Superintedent of an Orphan's Home. She pleaded with him to take her crippled son into his home. The rules of the home were that no crippled children could be assisted. So, Dr. Raker had to turn the woman away without any help.

Shortly after this Dr. Raker was called into a home where a mother was on her death-bed. She asked him to take her sick two year old daughter to his home and care for her until she was old enough to care for herself. Again Dr. Raker had to refuse because the home only took healthy children. This was the second time Dr. Raker had to turn away from the ones who were the most needy. But, Dr. Raker was not like the Priest or Levite. He did not just pass it by. Dr. Raker knew that a country with its great institutions of mercy should have a home for the most needy.

Moving to Allentown, Pa., where Dr. Raker was to be pastor of a Mission Church, Dr. and Mrs. Raker were blessed with a daughter, who they named Viola. Viola lived only a short time. It was on the day of her funeral that a letter came to the Raker home. It was from a Pastor Miller whom Dr. Raker knew very well. Pastor Miller told Dr. Raker of a crippled orphan who needed a home. Her name happened to be Viola. This was the beginning of the work to which Dr. Raker was to devote the rest of his life.

The Raker home was soon a busy place with crippled children being cared for by someone who really loved them and gave them the home they needed.

This was the beginning of the Good Shepherd Home in Allentown, Pa. Today the home covers a city block in one of Allentown's finest residential districts. Hundreds of crippled boys and girls have been given a new hope in life. They have made good because someone cared. Because someone took the time to work out a plan whereby the crippled children might not be left by the side of the road. Just as the Samaritan helped the man who was robbed the Good Shepherd Home helps those who are in need today.

The cheery faces of these crippled lads indicates the loving care they are receiving at the Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, Pa.

Letterally Yours

Bible Lexicography

By Roger G. Imhoff

TRANSGRESSORS . . .

shall be destroyed,
shall be rooted out,
shall be destroyed by their perverseness,
shall be taken in their own naughtiness,
his soul shall eat violence,
his way is hard,
shall fall in the way of the Lord,
will be taught God's ways.

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Getting Suggestions!

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a LUTHERAN MEN SUBSCRIPTION APPEAL that I designed for Harry B. Fogle at his request. I thought that you might like to see it.

I have offered to run off enough copies for use here in the Central Penn Synod if Dr. Hamsher so desires. I would of course change that address on the bottom of the stencil to either a man of this Synod or to the Brotherhood Subscription Office in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Since my father is in the Pittsburgh Synod and since I had an active part in organizing the Apolla, Pa. Brotherhood six years ago—I am also forwarding the same offer to Dr. Shepfer of the Pittsburgh Synod for their use too if they so desire it.

When I finished the stencil and prepared it and ran it off it seemed good to me.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Geo. E. Bowersox, Jr.

Below is Pastor Bowersox's poster. Glad to receive this type of advertising. The Brotherhood grows by pastor-interest and cooperation. — Ed

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MR. HARRY B. FOGLE
UNIONTOWN, MARYLAND

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From Secretary Bader's Mail

Dear Mr. Bader:

Greetings from the Konnarock Training School faculty and girls! We often speak of the wonderful week-end we had with you and the other members of the Mountain Work Committee — it was so filled with inspiration and fellowship. All of us have been enjoying this grand November weather. After their jobs are done the girls go outside either to play basketball or volleyball. This afternoon the sophomore girls were down at the boys' school helping to dress chickens. They cleaned 34 and will can them on Friday. Another example of K. T. S. — I. M. S. cooperation!

Our boys and girls have their first "away" basketball game tomorrow so they're all excited about it. Do come and visit us when you come to Virginia — we shall be most happy to see you again.

Most sincerely,
Elizabeth A. Deck.

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Vallejo, Calif.,
October 27, 1945.

Dear Mr. Bader:

It is with pleasure that we, the men of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Vallejo send you the enclosed check as a gift to the Lutheran Brotherhood's Twenty-Seventh anniversary, also enclosed is a bulletin which we had on October 21, 1945 for our Brotherhood Sunday.

God favored us with a beautiful Sabbath Day which in turn gave us a full packed chapel. I am sure everyone enjoyed the service and it was a great boost for the Brotherhood. We hope that all Brotherhoods had as successful a service as we felt that we had. With cordial greetings and best wishes,

Faithfully yours,
Herbert W. Olson, Treas.,
St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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North Carolina Meeting

The convention opened with approximately 350 members in attendance for the business session.

Zeb B. Trexler of Concord, president, formally opened the convention following devotions given by Rev. Frank P. Cauble of Hickory. James L. Fisher gave the address of welcome, and H. S. Bost of Charlotte responded on behalf of the visitors.

Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, pastor of St. Mark's Church, China Grove, spoke to the group on "Personal Evangelism."

"Evangelists are God's businessmen. They are kept on earth to sell God's wares and to share with others the joy of their own salvation."

The second primary address of the morning was on "Boy Scouting" by Earle W. Bader, executive secretary of the U. C. L. A. Brotherhood, and director of Boy Socuting in U. C. L. A., Bethlehem, Pa.

Mr. Bader spoke of Scouting in the boy and in the church. He told of the work that Scouting does in making young men better Christians, and of

the advantages that Scouting offers to a community.

"Scouting helps young men to become better men and to become better Christians," he said. "Young people need something constructive and creative to do, and Scouting offers them this."

The morning session adjourned for lunch at 12:30 P. M., and the president's luncheon for executives of the Brotherhood was held at 12:40 P. M.

Reconvening at 2 P. M., Rev. W. G. Cobb of Cherryville gave the devotions.

A. W. Fisher of Concord, R. B. McAllister of Concord, and Major Roy Webster of Mt. Pleasant, very forcefully presented the challenge of the loan and gift fund for home missions.

Dr. D. P. Rudisill spoke of the need for the completion of the task assigned to the Brotherhood to provide the means to erect a house of worship at Chapel Hill.

Dr. H. A. Fisher of Raleigh spoke on "Lutheran World Action."

Zeb B. Trexler of Concord, retiring president, awarded the president's trophy to the Central District for work during the year.

Rev. Paul C. Empie, D. D., director of Lutheran World Action, and assistant director of the National Lutheran Council, New York City, spoke to the Brotherhood on the subject, "Lutherans Have Just Begun to Fight."

"There are many challenging tasks before Christians today," he said. "It will require a fight like we've never made before to make things right in the world."

He then spoke of the condition of the Lutheran Church in Europe. Many of the church buildings have been burned or destroyed, and many of the pastors have been killed, he said.

"The Lutheran Church in Europe has suffered losses greater than those of any other church. We must help them to rebuild so that they may carry on with their work."

Rev. Mr. Empie announced the drive in the Lutheran Church which will be conducted next May for $10,000,000 which will be for the benefit of Lutheran World Action. He explained the drive, and pointed out that it will benefit many of the destroyed Lutheran churches in Europe.

The Lenoir Rhyne College choir, under the direction of Prof. Harold Dickensheets, sang three religious numbers as the opening part of the service held in the church auditorium, and concluded the program with the "Lord's Prayer."

A banquet for 635 members of the Brotherhood was held in the church basement at 7 P. M. Turkey dinner with all trimmings was served with Rev. F. L. Conrad, D. D., of High Point, as toastmaster.

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Pa. Ministerium Brotherhood

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States was held in Allentown on November 14, 1945. The officers conference was held at the Hotel Traylor at 12:30 P. M., the afternoon session was held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church and the evening session was held at the Egner Memorial Chapel at Muhlenberg College. At the afternoon session, the Rev. Oscar W. Carlson, the director of evangelism in the United Lutheran Church in America, made a forceful and challenging presentation on "The New Evangelism" as it is being conducted throughout the United Lutheran Church. Others who assisted Dr. Carlson in this presentation were, Dr. Carl C. Billig, Chairman of the Brotherhood Inner Mission Committee; the Rev. Freeland F. Hemmig, chairman of the committee on evangelism of the synodical Inner Mission Board and the Rev. Gustavus H. Bechtold, D. D., executive secretary of the Synodical Inner Mission Board. Between the afternoon and evening session a luncheon was served to delegates and friends at Muhlenberg College refectory. Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, the stewardship secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, delivered the twenty-fifth anniversary address at vespers and at this service Mr. Earle W. Bader, the executive secretary of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church installed the newly elected officers. These officers were elected at the afternoon session:

President William H. Frick of Sellersville, Vice President Leonard Ashford of Philadelphia, Secretary Fred W. Zuch of Lancaster, Assistant Secretary William A. Rittler, Jr. of Philadelphia, Treasurer Clayton C. Moyer of Souderton and member of the executive committee for three years William Shetlock of Coplay. The delegation from Grace Church in attendance at one or more of the sessions of the convention were President Earl W. Krause, Clarence L. Reed, Edward F. Deily, Jacob E. Hendricks and Doctor and Mrs. Phares G. Beer.

The above convention story is clipped from "The Herald" of Grace Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa. Rev. P. G. Beer, D. D., pastor.

North Carolina Eats

Honest Ads.

November 21, 1945

Dear Editor,—

I note in a recent "Lutheran" that you speak of "honesty in advertising." I had written the enclosed editorial in Bethany Chimes over a month ago.

R. R. Belter

Thank you, Dr. Belter, and while the article appeared in "The Lutheran" we are using your pointed editorial in LUTHERAN MEN. *Here it is:*

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Advertising That Is Misleading

A newspaper advertisement of June 21, 1945, showed a soldier's helmet with a $100.00 E Bond in it, and below were these words: "We don't want bond money!" They then go on to speak of "liquor is a luxury" and magnanimously assert that "we don't want to sell whiskey to anyone who buys at a sacrifice of the necessities." They "Don't Want Bread Money!" On they go to tell the end is "many grim fox-holed miles" away. Well, we read it, and we felt a deep disgust about it all. I know that there have been people who have said that newspapers should not accept such liquor advertisements, and we agree with that. However, that is not the point here. We simply do not agree with the tone of this type of advertising.

The fact of the matter is that when they say that "liquor is a luxury" (if it actually IS that—and we doubt it) it does not long remain a luxury to thousands of people. It becomes a NECESSITY, born of habit. It seems to me that it was unnecessary for this company to *hide behind patriotism* to find a sale for their products. We have noted this strange approach in other ads by sellers of alcoholic beverages. Drinkers, when they once become addicted, sometimes seem to think that the welfare of their country takes second place to their craving and indulgence. There is no need to say much more. This, however, should be mentioned, that these companies ought to give a thought to THE SIN OF MAKING OTHERS SIN. Sins which are committed under the influence of liquor will, on Judgment Day, be laid at the door of the board of directors of these companies. It does not do to hide behind a barage of words and excuses. The fact is that they are responsible. Liquor is liquor. You and I have seen its effects. We have seen homes shattered. Who has not heard about cases where honor was lost because "we had a few drinks, and then . . . " No, they can call liquor a luxury, but it is still a ruiner of lives.

The State of Oregon might teach the State of Iowa. They have undertaken to ban certain advertising, and one of them is such ads which connect liquor with the American Flag. Hiding behind patriotism is questionable advertising also, and should be banned. Why not read such books as "The Lost Week-end," by Chas. Jackson (Farrar and Rinehart), or "Alcohol the Destroyer," by C. Aubrey Hearn? Here are some facts which will cause you to think. Someone asked Chauncey DePew how much it cost to live in a certain city. He replied: "A little more than you earn." And that's what can be said about liquor. What does it cost to drink? "More than it should!" Along the liqour road, which I call "Broken-Hearted Alley," you can find broken homes, broken health, broken morals, broken and shattered bodies. The following is worth quoting in this connection from The Baptist Builder:

"Said the whiskey glass to the bottle of gin:
'I'm not much of a mathematician, butI can, and I do
Add to a man's nervous troubles,
Subtract cash from his pocketbook,
Multiply his aches and pains,
Divide his property with the liquor traffic, so that
Fractions only remain for him. Moreover, I
Take interest from his work and
Discount his chances for health and success."

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A Correction

Dear Editor:

It is always a pleasure to receive a copy of LUTHERAN MEN. In this issue of October 1945 on page 8 under the caption "Army Chaplains", I note that you gave a writeup in regard to the casualties and decorations of the chaplains in the Chaplain Corps.

It appears that you had access to very old figures at the time of writing. I am inclosing for your information a copy of our Monthly Circular Letter. On the last page you will find correct figures as released by the Bureau of Public Relations and are authorized to be used if you so desire. Those figures include chaplains of all faith. I am giving you a breakdown of the Lutheran chaplains for your own personal information or use in your article if you so choose. There are 97 Lutheran Chaplains who received 133 decorations. Of this number 40 are ULCA chaplains who have received 58 decorations. I am not going into detail in regard to casualties nor a breakdown of the various decorations and awards received by these chaplains. Should you wish this at any time I shall be happy to take this time and send them to you.

With every good wish in your work and your new assignment of carrying on the fine editorship of LUTHERAN MEN, I am

Sincerely yours,
John R. Strevig
Chaplain (Captain) USA

Chaplain Strevig was pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Baltimore, when he enlisted. His promotion and assignment indicate his fine standing. We are glad for the correction.—Ed

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Dear Mr. Bader:

Referring to the material which you sent out this year for Brotherhood Sunday on October 21, 1945.

The little pamphlet entitled "A Suggested Program" for the Twenty-seventh Anniversary of the Brotherhood is, in my opinion, one of the best things you have yet put out for the observance of Brotherhood Sunday. It provides for five different members of the Brotherhood to take part in the presentation of the program, with a consequent distribution and increase in the interest of the men in presenting the program.

We used this program last Sunday evening, October 14th, and were told that it was the best observance of Brotherhood Sunday that we have yet had.

Very truly yours,
C. C. Goodman,
DuBois, Pa.

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Gentlemen:

As Contact Man of the National Lutheran Council I have been receiving LUTHERAN MEN, for which I give you my personal thanks. Effective with your November issue, I would have you place my name on subscription basis. Bill me accordingly and I shall remit on the first or as soon as I receive your statement.

(Rev.) Edmund A. Heye,
Box 408
La Marque, Texas

The Executive Secretary's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

MR. EARLE W. BADER, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

A Call to Action!

January and *February* have again been designated as *Brotherhood Loyalty Months*. This is the time set apart each year for a special effort to extend the influence of the Brotherhood by the establishment of new congregational units in the churches who do not enjoy the blessing of organized men's work.

Brotherhood Loyalty Months are also the time to arrange your program and select the speakers, and assign the LUTHERAN MEN topics for the ensuing year.

Brotherhood Loyalty Months provide an unequalled opportunity to engage in an intensive promotion of Six Objectives in the local congregation. The first three objectives, better known as spiritual objectives, are especially emphasized during this period which immediately precedes the Lenten season. An increasing number of congregations are assigning to their Brotherhood the task of conducting a pre-Lenten visitation to bring in the unchurched and win back the lapsed members.

Brotherhood Loyalty Months should quicken the spiritual lives of our Brotherhood members so that they will become more efficient witnesses for Christ. To this end, I would suggest the following:

(a)—*Preach Christ*—then live a Christian life.

(b)—*Win others*—then train them to be evangelists.

(c)—*Bring Back the Lapsed Members*—then give them something to do in the church.

(d)—*Read your Bible Regularly*—then pray without ceasing.

(e)—*Put God First*—then provide means to carry on His work.

If we are to realize the above mentioned spiritual objectives, we must use the *Brotherhood Loyalty Months* to achieve our goals. They should include: (1)—Payment of your membership dues; (2)—A 20% gain in the membership of your organization; (3)—A 20% increase in your LUTHERAN MEN subscriptions; (4)—The purchase and *use* of the *Christian Stewardship* stamps.

Twenty-two Synods Will Promote Joint Dues Plan

The joint dues plan has increased in popularity with the Synodical officers and congregational Brotherhoods ever since it was introduced in 1937.

Twenty-two synods have been authorized to participate in the plan during 1946. The uniform dues statements for use in all synods of the Church are a step in the direction of simplicity and greater effectiveness in handling the synodical and U. L. C. A. membership dues payments. These statements have been supplied by Brotherhood headquarters to each of the twenty-two synodical Brotherhoods that will operate the joint dues plan in 1946.

Every clear thinking Brotherhood member will recognize the joint dues plan with its payments based on active membership in the local Brotherhood, as the best method yet devised for each men's group to share the cost of maintaining their synodical and national organizations. In no other way could the Brotherhood have made such remarkable progress during these war years.

We must admit that the annual growth of the joint dues payments did not always come up to our expectations. However, each year has shown a gain over the preceding year, until we have a total of 639 U. L. C. A. dues payments in 1945.

We have been assured of the cooperation by our synodical Brotherhood officers in getting the dues statements into the mails by January first.

If your Brotherhood or Bible class has not received the 1946 joint dues statement by January 5th, and you are located in the territory of any of the following synods, may we ask that you notify your synodical Brotherhood treasurer, whose name appears below:

CALIFORNIA SYNOD—G. J. Grieve, 593 The Alameda, Berkeley, California.

CANADA SYNOD—George Vogt, c/o Waterloo Trust and Savings Company, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD—John L. R. Schiding, 201 East Cottage Place, York, Pennsylvania.

ILLINOIS SYNOD—E. A. Anderson, 327 North Street, Elgin, Illinois.

INDIANA SYNOD—Roy E. Horton, 948 N. Bradley Ave., Indianapolis 1, Indiana.

IOWA SYNOD—Ralph Kading, 2031 South Royce Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

KANSAS SYNOD—Theodore Kloepper, R. R. #1, Nortonville, Kansas.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE SYNOD—Robert Earl Reisinger, 1231 Bardstown Road, Louisville 4, Ky.

MARYLAND SYNOD—John L. Shaw, R. F. D. #1, Frederick, Maryland.

MICHIGAN SYNOD—Walter L. Grass, 5427 Garland Avenue, Detroit 13, Michigan.

MIDWEST SYNOD—George Schwank, Columbus, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA SYNOD—Ben Meyer, 908 Logan Street, Wayne, Nebraska.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD—Guy M. Beaver, 266 North Union Street, Concord, North Carolina.

NORTHWEST SYNOD—Gust T. Karlsten, 3230 Humboldt Ave., Minneapolis 12, Minnesota.

PACIFIC SYNOD—E. D. Blood, 1153 23rd Avenue, Longview, Washington.

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD—C. C. Moyer, Souderton, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD—Frank J. Vollmer, 723 East Tenth Street, Erie, Pennsylvania.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD—John A. Sten, 728 Monroe Street, Denver, Colorado.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD—N. E. Derrick, 3104 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

TEXAS SYNOD—Walter A. Schorre, Cuero, Texas.

VIRGINA SYNOD—William F. Coyner, Route #2, Waynesboro, Virginia.

Brotherhood and Bible classes located in other synods of the Church, who do not receive their 1946 dues statements promptly, should write to Brotherhood headquarters, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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1946 Membership Cards And Charter Seals

The 1946 *individual membership cards* will be ready for mailing to our Brotherhoods on January 1st. These convenient cards designed to fit a standard card case are printed in attractive colors, and bear the official seal of the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood.

The *individual membership cards* are supplied *free of charge* to each Brotherhood or other men's organization upon remitting its annual U. L. C. A. membership dues. The quantity of cards for each congregational Brotherhood will be based on the number of "ACTIVE" members represented by your 1946 U. L. C. A. dues payment.

We believe our members will be proud to carry this attractive card bearing the official Brotherhood seal as an evidence of their belonging to a congregational men's organization that is loyal to, and in good standing with The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America.

The payment of your 1946 membership dues will also entitle you to receive a handsome orchid and gold lithographed charter dues seal.

Your Brotherhood charter should be prominently displayed in your meeting room, and is a constant reminder to your congregation and visiting brethren that your men's group is loyal and punctual in meeting its obligations. We believe you will agree with us that the 1946 dues seal is one of the finest we have produced, and that it will be proudly affixed to your charter.

If you have neglected to remit your 1945 dues, please act immediately and we will forward your current charter seal without delay.

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Brotherhood Days In Cleveland

The historic words of Winston Churchill—"Never have so many owed so much to so few"—can best describe the 10th bienial convention of The American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods held in Cleveland, Ohio on November 10-11th.

From the lusty group singing of the stirring Hymn—"Faith of our Fathers Living Still" at the Saturday morning assembly until the closing remarks on Sunday afternoon by President-elect Oscar E. Westberg, there was evidenced the finest spirit of Lutheran cooperation and friendship that we have ever witnessed.

This streamlined convention numbering less than three score of delegates, worked and planned together as only a group inspired by the lofty ideal of cooperation for greater service can work.

It was a thrilling moment that called for a round of applause when The Brotherhood of The American Lutheran Church was formally received as a full-fledged member of the Federation.

The fellowship banquet is always a highlight at every Federation meeting and the gala affair on Saturday evening in the Empire room of the Hotel Cleveland was no exception to this rule. Everyone had a grand time throughout the delicious dinner and the group singing. Not forgetting Birger Swenson and his side-splitting golfing yarns, and the incomparable vocal selections by the Our Saviour's male quartette.

The trip to Cleveland would have been worthwhile, if only to hear The Rev. Marcus Rieke, Columbus, Ohio, Youth Secretary of The American Lutheran Church, in his inspiring address on "The Men of the Church and Youth." Dr. Rieke challenged his audience with his stories based on first-hand experience in working with our Lutheran young people at the summer camps and leadership schools. He shared our conviction that Lutheran young men and women are fundamentally reverent and have a deep spiritual insight into the problems affecting their future family life. Youth is asking questions that are embarrassing for us to answer because of our failure to make the most of our opportunities in social, and international relations, said Dr. Rieke.

I stated that everyone had an enjoyable time at the banquet. Well—there was one exception,—our beloved president, L. F. Speckman, who proved himself an inimitable toastmaster. Brother Speckman had been waiting since the preceeding Tuesday night for news of his re-election as circuit judge of Jefferson County, Ky. Lawrence and his opponent had been running neck and neck for four days and throughout the banquet he was obviously nervous and looking his eyes out for the long awaited telegram conveying the good news of his re-election. The telegram finally arrived very late that evening. Then you should have seen Lawrence really smile and congratulations poured in thick and fast the following morning.

Through the courtesy of the local committee, the convention delegates found a score of cars waiting to take them for a scenic Lake Shore drive to the beautiful Faith Lutheran Church, (ALC) Lakewood, Ohio,, where the 11:00 A. M. Sunday worship service was held. This was our first opportunity to hear the Rev. C. O. Leonardson, D. D., recently elected executive secretary of The Augustana Brotherhood, as he preached the convention sermon. We were deeply impressed by his eloquence and ability as a speaker. The Augustana Brotherhood is fortunate in having him as the director for their men's organization, and we predict a great future under his leadership.

The convention reached a fitting climax with a Greater Cleveland Lutheran Rally in the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church. Upwards of 2,000 persons comfortably filled this spacious church for the 4:00 P. M. Vesper Service which was presided over by the President Einer G. Carlson, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. E. Claudius Jensen, Messiah Lutheran Church, (ULCA) read the scripture lesson which was followed with prayer by the Rev. Marvin E. Wilt, Faith Lutheran Church, (ALC).

Chairman Carlson before introducing The Rev. P. O. Bersell, D. D., president of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America, as the speaker for the afternoon, expressed regrets that Dr. Ralph H. Long, executive director of The National Lutheran Council, was forced to withdraw his acceptance as the Lutheran rally speaker due to his having accompanied President Franklin Clark Fry to Europe a few days earlier.

Dr. Bersell who has earned the respect and esteem of Lutheran men

everywhere for his outstanding service in behalf of The Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods delivered one of his customary brilliant and informative addresses. His remarks were centered around his recent visit to the Scandinavian Lutheran Churches, and more particularly about the present condition of the Lutheran Church in Germany. Dr. Bersell pleaded for the raising of the proposed $10,000,00 Lutheran World Action goal in its entirety, as the only way that the faithful Lutheran pastors and congregations in Germany could be assured of the assistance they so sorely need at the present time.

A massed choir composed of the choirs of all of the Lutheran Churches in Greater Cleveland rendered two beautiful anthems under the direction of Rev. M. A. Egge.

The following were unanimously elected as officers to serve the Federation during the 1945-47 Biennium:—President, Oscar E. Westberg, Williston, North Dakota — (NLC); Vice-President, Judge Lawrence F. Speckman, Louisville, Kentucky,—(ULCA); Secretary, Harold Ellison, Chicago, Illinois—(NLC); Treasurer, Dr. R. O. Skar, Cedar Falls, Iowa,—(UDL); Member of Board of Governors, Einer G. Carlson, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio,—(Aug.).

Space will not permit a report of the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood Executive Committee held in Cleveland, Ohio, November 10th. This will appear in the February issue of LUTHERAN MEN.

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Leadership in The Brotherhood

Rev. Charles L. Masheck

This contribution from our progressive young pastor at Bellevue, Ky. merits careful reading by our Brotherhoods.

"Guess we pushed that right back in the chairman's lap!" said one member of a group of men after a Brotherhood meeting.

"Sure, if he wants a refreshment committee," answered another, "let him be on it himself!"

Others expressed agreement or disagreement with these comments on the conduct of the meeting. One thought there should be a greater spirit of cooperation. A fourth favored a more positive leadership. All seemed to understand that these problems were interrelated.

What are the tests of leadership? In selecting men to lead, what shall we keep in mind as qualifications? How do we know when leadership is satisfactory?

It is to the welfare of the Church that leadership be developed in every possible way. By this is meant responsible leadership. No one who habitually passes his duties into the laps of others can be considered a responsible leader. "Passing the buck" is entirely foreign to that bit of Scripture that says "bear ye one another's burdens!"

A ship was sinking and the captain called all hands aft. "Who among you can pray?" he asked.

"I can," replied a quartermaster.

"Then pray, shipmate!" ordered the captain. "The rest of you put on the life-jackets. We're one short."—Navy Breeze.

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King Arthur: "How much wilt thou take for that suit of armor, Lance?"

Sir Lancelot: "Three cents an ounce, sire. It's first-class mail."—Watchman Examiner.

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Religion in the Home

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For many years church members have been accused of confining their religion to Sunday morning. This criticism has usually been directed against unchristian living in business, profession, and society. In some instances it has been abundantly justified, while in others the complaint has merely expressed the discontent or the jealousy of some other church member.

If one's profession of religion finds expression in the church service only it is indeed an empty gesture. That is not religion in any real sense. Religion has to do with the whole self, all the time, and in all places. If a person understands his faith and it possesses his whole being, it will function under all conditions. He will in all things be a Christian.

Often enough members of churches have failed to live out their religion in the most important place—their homes. Even though some of them express themselves in highly spiritual terms among other people they assume a cold unexpressive attitude in the family circle. Why is it that so many parents are afraid or uninclined to talk about religion to their children and to other family members?

Home Religion Depends on Adults

Parents are the strategic religious leaders in their homes. No other home member is so favorably situated to give family life a Christian complexion. They, at least in early years, create the atmosphere or climate of the home. Their ways of feeling about spiritual things determine pretty largely how the children are going to feel. The quality of home life is a subtle influence on children. Out of it comes their religion or irreligion, politeness or impoliteness, kindness or unkindness. These things are passed on to children from the parents indirectly but effectively.

Ways of behavior likewise are imparted to children by their elders. Children's tendencies to imitate and to take on the manners that surround them are always at work. Boys are sometmes said to have inherited their fathers' manner of walking, but actually no such thing happens. Heredity has nothing to do with such matters. The mode of walking, as well as numerous other types of action, is taken over unconsciously as a result of daily association.

Fathers and mothers pass on to their offspring attitudes toward the church, the school, and the community. This is indirect but influential teaching. And it is just as effective whether the attitudes are good or bad. What one is almost certainly will be passed on to his children through home association.

Parents may, in their dealings with children, be democratic or dictatorial. The former manner is conducive to giving children and young people a form of religious outlook which can buck present-day cynicism and secularism, whereas a brusque officious manner may turn them against a Christian point of view.

Home Religion Calls for Sharing

Genuine religion is not like a suit or a dress that can be put on for an occasion and then put back on a hanger. If it is worth anything it must go with us everywhere. And parents can't have a real religion of their own without sharing it with their children. It is for all members of the family. The home which does not have it in that free manner is poorer for the omission. The satisfaction of living together is lowered because a precious something is missing.

What can be finer than for a whole family to engage in simple, brief worship together in their own home? And the finest experience of home devotions is that in which all have some part, both in the planning and in carrying it out. In this hurried and harried age people feel that they have neither time nor calmness to take part in devotions at the family hearth. Karen Horney refers to our times as a "neurotic age." Must we confess that she is right? Can we not come down from our high tension long enough to acknowledge our God in our homes?

Side by side with worship goes a Christian mode of dealing with all other persons in our homes. This is not always easy. After all, members of a family know the foibles and peculiarities of one another better than any one else, and it is not always easy to overlook them. But there is a testing ground. Is our religion strong enough to meet the demand? If we make it work at home we'll have less trouble making it function out in the wide world.

Home life can enrich our church life, and vice versa. What a privilege it is for a family to attend church and Sunday school together! United action of this sort has a fine influence, both on the family itself and a splendid expression of religion, and upon the congregation at large. It is at the same time worthwhile religious education.

Living Is Learning

Christian is the major inspiration to our finest acts and achievements. But action, on the other hand, is about the most effective way of learning, changing, and improving that we know anything about. Too frequently it is overlooked, as far as this angle is concerned. Living out Christian teachings brings them out into the clear and stamps them into our very being.

In both home and church the wider the variety of things we do in the name of our faith the larger becomes our chance of acquiring new skills. It reveals to us some inner possibilities which we had not dreamed that we possesed. Of course we cannot become highly proficient in all of them, but we may discover wherein our richer gifts lie and which ones deserve larger attention.

The better habits of Christian living require some effort. Home life provides the finest opportunity for establishing desirable habits of living and serving, and habits of reading and conversation.

Religion in the home has a thousand angles. Here are a few samples.

Lutheran Boy Scouts

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Scout Sunday . . . February 10th

The annual Boy Scout week will be observed from February 8-14, 1946. Various events of special interest are planned for this week, including the anniversary Scout meeting on February 8th and the Scout Sunday worship service on February 10th.

I am quoting from the December issue of *Scouting* the official publication of The Boy Scouts of America, which makes it clear that each Scout shall be permitted to attend the church of his choice:

The Scout and His Religion—February 10th is designated as Scout Sunday, but whatever the day designated for worship by the Scout's religion,—that is his day.

Scoutmasters in planning religious programs must be certain that no Scout is embarrased. See to it that each boy attends the church of his own choice in uniform, and participates in accordance with the customs of his church.

Suggest that pastors emphasize the theme—"Scouts of the World—Building Together." They can stress the part that Scouts can play in helping other Scouts in liberated countries. How they can promote friendship through exchange in correspondence, and by beginning at home to develop an understanding and appreciation of the various racial groups.

Where the entire membership is of one faith they should attend their church or synagogue in a body and participate in the religious observance.

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Eagle Scout Berkobin Receives Pro Deo Et Patria Award

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Nutley, N. J., the Rev. Henry J. Berkobin, pastor, was the scene of an impressive ceremony on Sunday, November 11th when his son, Eagle Scout Carl Berkobin received the *Pro Deo et Patria* Award.

The award was made at the Sunday morning church service which was attended by the Troop committee and members of Boy Scout Troop No. 1 which is sponsored by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Men's Club.

The presentation was made by Brother Alvin Schaediger, advisory member of the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood Boy Scout committee on behalf of the Lutheran Committee on Scouting.

In presenting Scout Berkobin for the award, Scoutmaster Leon Auger pointed out that the Lutheran Committee on Scouting, with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn., confers this award on Boy Scouts of first class rank or better who are outstanding characters and who have shown good knowledge of the doctrines and practices of the church, and have given at least 150 hours of special service to the church.

Before conferring the award Mr. Schaediger, president ofThe Luther League of America, paid recognition to the services Scout Berkobin rendered the Luther League as treasurer of the Newark district and Life Service secretary of the State League of New Jersey as well as the many special services rendered by him to his home church.

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Bethany—Cleveland, Ohio Cub Scout Father-and-Son Banquet

We are indebted to Brother H. O. Walker, Chief of Cub Pack 44 of The Bethany English Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio for the photos and account of their recent Boy Scout Father-and-Son Dinner.

The second annual Father-and-Son Banquet of Cub Pack 44 and Scout Troop 97 of Bethany English Lutheran Church, Triskett and Lorain, Cleveland, Ohio was held on the evening of November eighth in the assembly hall of the church.

After the invocation by Dr. J. H. L. Trout and the oath of allegiance to the flag, the 110 present sat down to a delicious dinner prepared and served by a group of mothers of Bethany.

An excellent program followed. Mr. Earle W. Bader, Bethlehem, Pa., executive secretary of the Brotherhood and Director of Boy Scouting in The United Lutheran Church in America, speaking briefly on the Christian duty of a father to his son, pointed to the privileges we as a nation enjoy which makes possible the close fellowship between father and son as evidenced in a banquet of this kind. On the preservation of home ties, Mr. Bader said, lies the heritage and strength of our great democracy. To the father, Mr. Bader continued, is given the privilege of perpetuating this heritage and strengthening it by loyalty to his God and his Church. Only in this way can a father set the pattern for the making of a christian man of his boy and preserving American democracy.

Mr. Charles Tracy, junior aviation editor of the Cleveland Press, and until honorably discharged six weeks ago, an operations Captain in the Army Air Transport Command, in the main address of the evening spoke on the 'Importance of Teamwork in the Air." His intimate vignettes of the life of a pilot in the hazardous work of the ATC in India and elsewhere revealed how close cooperation often meant the difference between life and death. Without teamwork, Mr. Tracy said, the ATC would never have gotten badly needed supplies to designated spots in time and on time.

The beautiful and impressive candlelight investure service of the Scouts was used to formally induct four boys into the Tenderfoot ranking of the Scouts. The Cubs contributed their part to make the banquet a success by initiating a new den of eight boys and their fathers into the happy, worthwhle times that boys and their fathers enjoy in Pack 44.

Topic of the Month

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The Challenge To Win Our Nation for Christ

Topic for February, 1946

AIM: To help members of the Brotherhood discover the practical things the Brotherhood can do to increase the membership of the church, and to lead them to cooperate in planting new churches, church schools, and Boy Scout troops in communities where they are needed.

Worship

Hymn, "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"—No. 380 C.S.B. or No. 286 P.S.H.
Scripture: Luke 13:6-9
Free Prayer
Hymn, "I Love Thy Zion, Lord"—No. 199 C.S.B. or No. 131 P.S.H.

The Topic

To whom does our topic for this month apply? Whose is the challenge to win our nation for Christ? Does this challenge apply only to ministers of the Gospel? Or does it apply also to Sunday school teachers, to church councilmen, to workers in the missionary society, to Luther Leaguers, and to members of the Brotherhood? To whom does this challenge to win our nation for Christ apply?

It is indeed true that ministers and others who are called to places of leadership in the church's work have a special responsibility to win others for Christ. But the responsibility does not end there. This task of being a soul winner, an evangelist, is the responsibility of every single person who has accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. The tragedy of our age is that so few people try to discharge this obligation, and that so many depend upon others to do the soul winning for them. If even half of the members of our Brotherhoods took their responsibility as soul winners for Christ seriously there would be a perfectly amazing harvest for the Kingdom of God during the next year.

A Disturbing Scripture Lesson

The Scripture lesson which was read at our meeting is more than a little disturbing. It jars us out of our complacency. The owner of the vineyard had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. But when he came to seek fruit he found none. Then he called the man who was in charge of the vineyard and said: "For three years I have been looking for fruit on this tree, but have found none. Cut the tree down for it is of no value." What is the application of this parable which Jesus told? Quite evidently God is the owner of the vineyard, and he expects to find his fig tree bearing fruit. But who is the fig tree? Various applications are possible. First of all every individual follower of Christ can be thought of as the fig tree. With this interpretation in mind how much fruit have we brought forth? How many souls did each of us lead to Christ last year? Have we perhaps been barren fig trees bearing no fruit for the Kingdom of God?

Another application can be made to our local Brotherhood group. What has the Brotherhood done to lead souls to Christ? Has our organization been a barren fig tree? Awful indeed is that solemn condemnation of the Lord: "Cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?"

An Individual and Group Task

Winning others for the Kingdom of Christ is both an individual and a group task. Every follower of Jesus Christ must exert his utmost influence to win souls. He should do it through united efforts with others. He should constantly invite his friends and acquaintances to church and Sunday school services so that they might come under the influence of the Gospel, and he should live such an exemplary Christian life that others will be strengthened to live as Christians also. But beyond all these individual and personal efforts every Christian should take part in group efforts to share the joys of the Christian religion with others. It is at this point that the boards of the church come to the assistance of the individual believer and help to make his testimony effective.

The Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church is charged with the responsibility of promoting evangelism throughout the church. It has provided an abundance of helps to guide members of local congregations. Here are just a few of the helps that may be secured by writing to this board at 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York:

Interviewing People for Christ and Winning Them for His Kingdom.
Winter Sowing for Spring Reaping — a Program in Evangelism for the Congregation.
Adult Catechetical Evangelization.
Witness to Win Others.
Moving a Rosebush.
But It Is True.
On Returning to Religion.
Reaching the Unreached by Reaching for Them.
Selecting Lay Evangelists.
Training the Evangelist.
Reaching for Them.
Making a Community Survey.
A Goodwill Visitation.

A number of years ago the Board of American Missions prepared a very valuable handbook bearing the title: "The Multiplication of Usable Personalities." The International Council of Religious Education has prepared a helpful booklet entitled, 'Evangelism for Children", which may be purchased at a cost of 10 cents by writing to the International Council, 203 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois. Helpful guidance material pertaining to Sunday school enlistment may be procured free of charge from the Parish and Church School Board, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

There is ample guidance material, but all this material is entirely without value unless the members of our churches become familiar with it and follow its suggestions. An interesting and valuable meeting would result if members of the Brotherhood would spend an entire evening studying the literature which is available and then laying plans for more earnest and systematic efforts to win the unchurched of their community for the Kingdom of Christ.

Much Has Been Accomplished

The Lutheran Church is basically a missionary church. It believes that the Gospel must be shared with men everywhere. It believes that the Gos-

pel should be taught and preached in the language which men can understand. For this reason our United Lutheran Church is carrying on a vast missionary work among the various national and language groups in our midst. The project assigned last month for the present meeting bore the title "Do You Know That—?". A few minutes should be devoted to the short talks on this subject, prepared by members of the Brotherhood, or if such talks were not prepared the topic leader or some other member of the Brotherhood may briefly describe the work of the Board of American Missions among the Italians, the Jews, the Japanese, the America Indians, and other groups.

The Board of American Missions is constantly seeking to plant new churches in communities where there is need for such churches. Part of the work of this board is described in the supporting article printed in the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN under the title, "The Church Looks Ahead," by Mr. Alexander S. Bauer, the secretary of that board. Mr. Bauer's article should be carefully read by every member of the Brotherhood, and its contents should be presented in summary form at this point by some member of the Brotherhood.

The extensiveness of the work carried on by the Board of American Missions can perhaps best be visualized by turning to page 51 of the 1945 Year Book of the United Lutheran Church. There we find listed the number of mission congregations under the care of this board. A study of these statistics wil reveal that 762 congregations of the United Lutheran Church are receiving aid from this board. That is a larger number of congregations than is connected with any single synod of the United Lutheran Church. How does that number compare with the total number of congregations in your own synod? The 1945 Year Book indicates that the total number of congregations in the United Lutheran Church (including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) is 4079. This means that almost one out of every five congregations connected with our great church is a mission congregation. The vastness of the missionary task carried on under the guidance of this board can further be seen from the fact that these 762 mission congregations total 138,791 confirmed members, that the board appropriated $318,544 for salaries and expenses, and that the loans for church extension totaled $2,468,578.

The above figures are all taken from the 1945 Year Book of the United Lutheran Church. In all likelihood the 1946 Year Book will be available before this topic is studied by local Brotherhoods. It would be interesting to compare the latter figures with those quoted above.

Sight should never be lost of the fact that this work of the Board of American Missions is the work of the United Lutheran Church. Every single member who helps to pay the apportionment of his church is sharing in this work. Though the weekly contributions on the benevolent side of the duplex envelopes may be only 25 cents or 50 cents or even less, every last member who has shared in the payment of the apportionment can have the joy of feeling that he has had a part in planting and supporting the 762 mission congregations which are aided through the Board of American Missions.

What More Can We Do?

In studying a topic such as "The Challenge to Win Our Nation for Christ" two extremes should be avoided. The one is the extreme of feeling that nothing is being accomplished. We should have the joy and inspiration which comes from knowing that new churches are constantly being planted throughout our nation, and that more and more people are being won for the Kingdom of Christ. We should thrill with joy at the thought that through our benevolent gifts we have a share in this work.

The second extreme which should be avoided is that of a smug complacency which will cause us to feel that everything is being done which can be done to share the Gospel with others. We dare not lose sight of the fact that less than half of the boys and girls growing up in the United States today are receiving any kind of religious instruction, Roman Catholic, Jewish, or Protestant. The record for Canada is probably no better. There are ten million additional young people living in our land who never step on the inside of a church or Sunday school. There are further millions of adults who are living careless, thoughtless, Godless lives, and they also must be won for Christ's Kingdom. There is much additional work to be done.

What further can we do? It should be evident that we cannot discharge our whole responsibility by making financial contributions to the work of a board. Here are some of the additional things which members of the Brotherhood can do either individually or collectively:

1. Make a survey of the territtory surrounding your church to locate all unchurched people and all people who do not go to Sunday school anywhere.

2. Call upon the unchurched and invite them to attend your Sunday school and church.

3. Start a branch Sunday school in some community where there is need for such a school.

4. Start extension departments of your Sunday school in the homes of members and friends if children cannot possibly be brought to Sunday school.

5. Sponsor a Boy Scout troop for some group of boys not now reached with this character-building program.

6. Get some of the leaflets and folders made available by the Board of Social Missions and the Parish and Church School Board, and distribute them among unchurched friends.

7. Pray daily for a few unchurched people, imploring the guidance of God's spirit that they may be won for the Kingdom.

8. Report to your pastor or the proper synodical committee any communities in which you think new churches should be established.

9. Render personal service to some mission congregation by teaching in its Sunday school or offering other necessary service.

10. Live an exemplary Christian life, and be faithful in the discharge of your own church duties.

Suggestions for Discussion

1. What definite things has our Brotherhood done this past year to win unchurched people for the Kingdom of Christ?

2. How can effective use be made of leaflets and folders which may be procured from the Board of Social Missions and the Parish and Church School Board?

3. What is our church doing to carry the Gospel to various national and language groups in our own nation?

4. What help does the Board of American Missions give to mission congregations which are confronted with a building program?

5. How does the total number of congregations aided by the Board of American Missions compare with the number of congregations in our own synod?

6. How many mission congregations are there in our synod?

7. Are there any unchurched people living within reach of our congregation? How can we discover the unchurched?

8. Is there some nearby community where a branch Sunday school should be established? How can such work best be started?

9. Are there boys in the community who are not now being reached by a Boy Scout troop? How can these boys be reached with this program.

10. What. additional steps can members of our Brotherhood take, either individually or collectively, to extend the church's mission throughout the nation?

Assignment of the project for the March meeting—Cf. the article, "Tasks That Need To Be Done", in the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN.

Hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing"—
No. 218 C.S.B. or No. 164 P.S.H.
Lord's Prayer and Benediction
Fellowship and refreshments

Alternate Topics

1. Invite a home mission pastor to describe the help and guidance which the Board of American Missions provides for his work.

2. Invite the pastor of some foreign language group to describe the work of his congregation.

3. Collect as much leaflet and folder literature as possible dealing with the subject of evangelism, and make a detailed study of this literature at the meeting.

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Tasks That Need to Be Done Project for the March Meeting

March 6 will mark the beginning of another Lenten season. Lent is a period particularly well suited to a deepening of Christian loyalties, and members of the Brotherhood will find spiritual enrichment in consecrating themselves anew to the performance of some of the many Christian tasks which are urgently necessary. Every member of the Brotherhood should ask himself, "Can I do more in the future than I have done in the past to express love and loyalty to the Saviour who shed his blood for my sake?"

In preparation for next month's topic it would be well to appoint a small committee to bring in a report on: "Tasks That Need To Be Done". The report could be divided into two sections, the first section listing "Tasks Now Being Done by Men of the Church" and the second listing "Additional Tasks Which Men of the Church Should Do in the Future". Under the first heading should be listed all the tasks which men are now doing, such as serving as church councilmen, serving as officers and teachers in the Sunday school, conducting every member visitation, serving as leaders of the Brotherhood, etc. Under the second heading should be listed tasks which men of the church should be doing but are not doing at present, such as, serving as Scoutmaster, serving as members of the Boy Scout troop committee, making repairs to the church property, sponsoring father-son banquets, systematically promoting Christian family life, etc. These two lists will naturally be different in various congregations, depending on the work which the men are now doing and the additional needs in the local congregation. If deemed desirable two committees may be appointed, the one to report on tasks now being done by the men, and the other reporting on additional tasks which should be performed in the future.

Boy Scout Tenderfoot Investure Ceremony at Cub-Scout Father and Son Banqtuet of Troop 97 and Cub Pack 44 of Bethany English Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

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The Church Looks Ahead

By Alexander S. Bauer

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It has been my good fortune to be a member of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, and to serve as secretary and counsel for that board, and thereby become acquainted with its many problems. The jurisdiction of this board is limited to mission congregations—those that have loans from the board and are located in the western hemisphere.

The work now being done by the Board of American Missions was planned many years ago, and the work to be done in the years which lie ahead was planned during the years of war. This board does not subscribe to the philosophy of the old darky who said:

"When I sit, I sits easy,
When I work, I works easy,
And when I worry, I falls asleep."

During the war years members of this board worried over the problems which the sudden cessation of war thrust upon us with little time for adjustments. It is well that plans and finances are now ready.

Until only a few years ago it was customary to finance a mission with a first mortgage from a bank, at 6% interest. But it became increasingly difficult to find institutions which were willing to lend money on a property which could be used for only one purpose in the event it became necessary to foreclose. The board therefore had to find funds to finance both the first and second

mortgages. But this proved a blessing, for money is loaned at rates from token payments of 2/10ths of 1% to 4%, depending on the ability of the new congregation to pay. This enables the new congregation to finance a better and larger structure than would otherwise be possible, and to become self-supporting in a shorter period of time. Many plans are offered, but all require amortization.

Post-War Building Programs

The requirements of the post-war years have been taken into consideration as loans were made. In the past as many as fourteen new structures per month were financed. This vital phase of the growing church will be multiplied many times in the post-war period. There are now more than one hundred forty congregations ready to build as soon as the removal of war restrictions will permit them to proceed.

Mr. Elwood L. Bowman, Secretary of Church Extension, is rendering an invaluable service to churches confronted with a building program. Before his present association Mr. Bowman was trained in construction work. Under his supervision a portfolio of more than fifty plans for beautiful, dignified churches has been assembled, and the budget for this year's work provides for 150 more. This gives the new congregation a varied selection of plans both as to size and types of construction, and often a plan can be used with only minor changes. A considerable saving of money often results, and the congregation is provided with a more representative style of architecture than might be the case if some local, inexperienced architect were to do the planning. The costs for architectural services are sometimes reduced by as much as one half.

Other Services

Another service rendered by the Board of American Missions is that of making a survey of a locality before any plans are made to foster a new congregation. Upon the suggestion of a synod that a given field be surveyed the field is canvassed by competent workers, the results are studied, and only when it is found that there is a real need is the work started. Even then it is done only upon the recommendation of the synod. This procedure guards against starting many missions which will never justify the money spent upon them.

Although work in the West Indies is specifically that of the West Indies Mission Board, the members and officers of that board are all members of the Board of American Missions, and the latter finances the work. The church is fortunate in having an eminently qualified man to serve as Secretary for Latin America. The Rev. Mr. Arbaugh has brought this work new life, as witnessed by the fact that one church on the field has become self-supporting. The old worn-out buildings of the main mission are to be sold, and a new site, in a better location, has been selected. Increased emphasis will be placed on the work in this field.

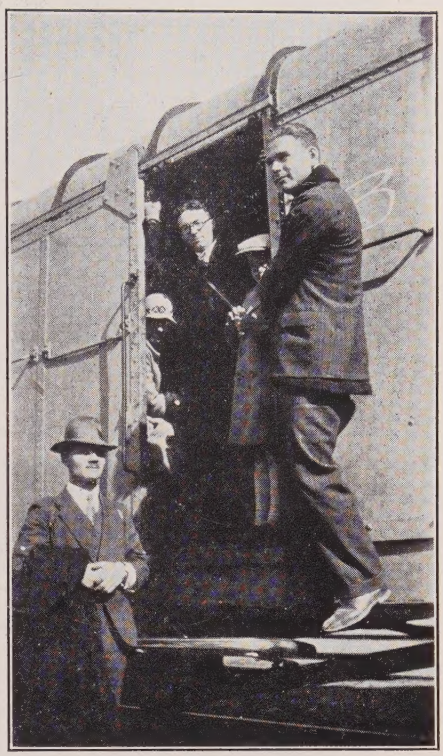
Southern Mountain Work

The work at the Iron Mountain School for Boys and the Konnarock Training School for Girls. under the supervision of Rev. Kenneth Hewitt, has been a source of inspiration for all who have been acquainted with this work. The civil authorities have recognized the value of the training given in farming and home economics, and have encouraged the work. Under Pastor Hewitt's leadership educational and financially productive methods were introduced and the farm became self-supporting. Several new buildings, the gift of the Hewitt family, will enable a further development of this work.

A corporation has been formed to supervise the work of the medical center now in operation in conjunction with these schools in the southern mountains. Medical service is given to people in far-off places, and those able to come to the clinic find there the most modern equipment, such as X-ray apparatus. No such service was formerly available in this district. The physical, educational, and spiritual needs of these people are being met.

Foresight, manifested years ago in the staff of the board, plus the hardest kind of work by the men and women on the field, give assurance of a greater Lutheran Church in the years to come.

The projects sponsored by the Board of American Missions require a great deal of money. New congregations must be provided with salary aid and grants, but fortunately some of the funds revolve over and over. The challenge to plant new churches is real. It is for the people of the church at large to say to what extent this work shall be increased.



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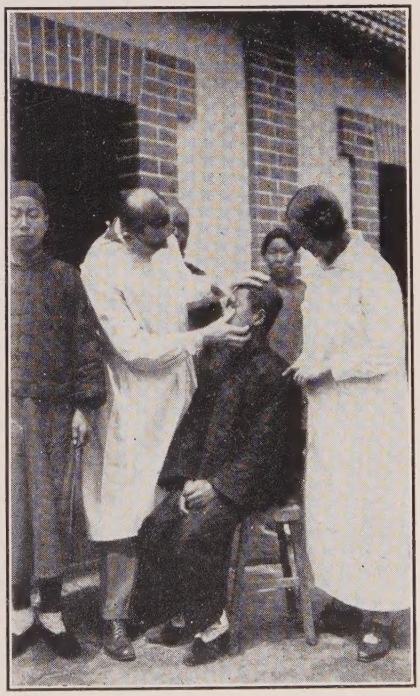

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November 1-30, 1945

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